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And round let the golden-tipp'd *Hirlas* be borne,
 To the lion defenders of *Gwynedd*'s fair shore,
 Who rush'd to the field where the glory was won,
 As eagles that soar from their cliffs to the sun.

III.

Fill higher the *Hirlas*! forgetting not those,
 Who shared its bright draught in the days which are fled !
 Though cold on their mountains the valiant repose,
 Their lot shall be lovly—renown to the dead !
 While harps in the hall of the feast shall be strung,
 While regal *Eryri* with snow shall be crowned ;
 So long by the bard shall their battles be sung,
 And the heart of the hero shall burn at the sound ;
 The free winds of *Maelor** shall swell with their name,
 And *Owain*'s rich *Hirlas* be fill'd to their fame !

Monthly Register.

CYMMRODORION IN LONDON.

IT appears from an advertisement accompanying this number, that the CYMMRODORION have selected the following prize subjects for the present year,—the Medal of the Society, and Ten Pounds to be given, in each case, to the successful candidate.

A WELSH POEM (Cywydd.)—“ *Hu Gadarn.*”

AN ENGLISH ESSAY.—“ The general cultivation of the Welsh language, and its particular use, with reference to the Poems of the Welsh bards, in illustrating historical occurrences.”

These subjects, it will be perceived, are very judiciously chosen, and have, both of them, the merit of being purely national. And, with respect to the first, it may farther be said, that it obviously excludes from the arena of competition all those votaries of the *Awen*, whose poetical pretensions are not accompanied by some knowledge of the ancient history of their country. This is as it ought to be; and, if the example were generally followed, the bardic character would soon be elevated beyond that of a mere minstrel.

“ * *Maelor*—part of the counties of Denbigh and Flint, according to the modern division.”

On Saturday, the 22nd of last month, a meeting of the Institution took place for the purpose of deciding upon the merits of the Welsh Essays on the love of country (*Gwladgarwch*,) for which, as we noticed in our last number, medals had been offered to the several grammar schools in Wales. Six Essays were produced on the present occasion, three from each division of the Principality, and the successful competitors were declared to be Mr. DAVID JAMES, of Cardigan School, and Mr. EVAN EVANS, of Berriew School, in Montgomeryshire. It but justice to add, however, that the compositions of the other candidates were all more or less distinguished for their merit, for which reason we here subjoin the names of the authors, premising only, that the first on the list well deserves, on this occasion, the place he there occupies.

South Wales.

Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS, (*Pwy.*) } Ystradmeurig
Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS MORRIS, (*Meurig.*) } School.

North Wales.

Mr. EVAN O. HUGHES, Beaumaris School.

Mr. RICHARD BRISCOE, Ruthin School.

After the opinion, we expressed on this subject last month, it is hardly necessary to add, that the result has somewhat surprised us, though the number of candidates was much less than might have been anticipated under more favouring circumstances. However, we are glad to find, that we were, in some degree, mistaken with respect to North Wales, though we are still inclined to think, that, in the cultivation, we mean the classical cultivation, of the Welsh tongue among the rising generation, South Wales merits the palm.

Miss ANN JONES of Guilsfield, near Welshpool, has recently been elected an Honorary Member of the Cymrodonion.

CAMBRIAN SOCIETY IN GWENT.

We transcribe from the *Hereford Journal* the following account of a meeting, which took place at Brecon, early last month, for the purpose of forming a Society in the province of Gwent, (the project of which we noticed in our last,) similar to those already established in the other parts of the Principality.

“On Wednesday, the fifth of December, a Meeting was held according to public advertisement at the Town Hall, Brecon,